



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It was lovely meeting the parents of our Reception September 2025 cohort earlier this week. We can't wait to meet this special new group of children at our 'Story and Play' sessions over the next few weeks. Our Reception 2025 group is significantly oversubscribed: all of the children who will be joining us live very close to the school. Their unique personalities and talents will make our school better: exciting times ahead!

On the afternoon of Friday 4th July, the children will be meeting their new class teachers for the next academic year. We have scheduled a second 'Meet the Teacher' session for the afternoon of Monday 14th July. This is an exciting time for the children and staff alike as we look ahead to the new school year. I will be writing to you on July 4th to let you know who your child's next teacher is going to be.

The following day, Saturday July 5th, is of course the Woodingdean Carnival, an important community event which was first held in 1967. We have always been proud to support this traditional fixture of the Woodingdean calendar and are delighted that this year it returns to RKPS for only the second time. Those of you who attended the 2023 edition will remember what a special day it was and I'm sure it will be so again. There will be loads to do for all the family so don't miss it!

I'm a headteacher who still loves to teach and next week I have the pleasure of teaching in Reception and Year One. I'm looking forward to seeing the progress the children have made since I last taught them.

It's been a hot one this week, fortunately it's forecast to be cooler from Monday.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

Euan Flannington

Headteacher



Woodingdean Carnival, RKPS, 11am-3pm



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Isaac



Isaac is such a kind and thoughtful boy, and his eagerness to learn shines through in everything he does. He's our visual table superstar—always moving the peg to keep the day on track! His curious mind is full of questions and wonder, and it's clear to everyone that he has a natural gift for learning. Watching him grow and take pride in his work has been a real joy, and we're all so proud of how far he's come. Isaac truly brings something special to our class every day. You're amazing Isaac!

YRR

Wren



Wren is full of determination and brings such joy to our classroom with her big smile and giggle. This year, she's worked especially hard on building her resilience and learning that we don't have to be amazing at everything straight away. It takes effort, patience, and perseverance and Wren has all of these in bucket loads. Especially in her writing, which has come on amazingly this year. We are all so proud of her. Keep on shining Wren!

Ibrahim



I am simply over the moon with Ibrahim. He has shown fantastic readiness joining the carpet with excellent listening. Ibrahim has wowed me away with his maths knowledge using his thinking thumb to share answers to the class multiple times every lesson. It is clear how hard he has been working each day. Furthermore, Ibrahim is always a kind friend to someone who needs it. Kahlo class would be lost without you. Keep being a superstar!

YR1

Giulia



Giulia is a superstar learner who is always on task and ready to dive into something new! Her love of learning shines through in every lesson—she's curious, focused, and never afraid to ask questions or challenge herself. Her handwriting is absolutely beautiful, and her creative writing in English is full of imagination, clever ideas, and wow-moments that always impress! Giulia brings a buzz of energy to the classroom with her positive attitude and brilliant brain. She's a shining example of what it means to be a motivated and creative learner. Well done, Giulia – keep it up!

Leisha



Need someone to explain why or how in Maths? Well, look no further because Logical Leisha is the person for you! Lovely, Leisha, what an absolute legend you are with your mathematical reasoning. You remember to give detailed and well-thought-out reasons why, and you remember to use clear examples to justify your reasoning. You're not just getting the job done, you're leading the way like a shining light. Well done, you bright and sparkling superstar!

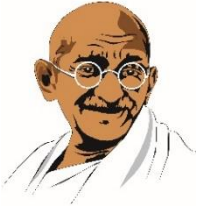
YR2

Brody



It has been lovely to see Brody's enthusiasm for learning grow each day. He has been working hard in his maths, remembering to explain his reasoning in full sentences. He has really impressed me with excellent explanations! Brody has also been a super helpful friend to others in the class, remembering our values well and showing kindness each day. Keep it up, Brody!

Arthur



Arthur is so reflective, he could be a mirror! His progress in all areas this year has been remarkable but, what has impressed Mr Wynne most of all, is Arthur's ability to reread and refine his learning without any reminder. Arthur's English book is abundant with blue polishing pen marks which suggests he is a master when it comes to editing. I can feel a job at the Guardian coming on for this young lad as chief editor!

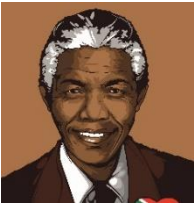
YR3

Lenny



This week's special mention goes to Lenny, who has truly impressed me with his mature and reflective behaviour. He has shown he has been listening, learning and applying the important skills of control, kindness and confidence to make great choices even in tricky situations! What a fantastic role model to others Lenny- you are definitely year 4 ready!

Liam



Mandela are super lucky to have Liam in our class. He is an absolute brainbox. With a smile on his face, Liam contributes to every class discussion with fascinating facts and excellent prior knowledge. He is super resourceful and has a fantastic ability to make connections between his prior knowledge and new learning. He is certainly showing Year 5 readiness. Well done, Liam. Keep it up!

YR4

Nate



Nate has such a lovely calm nature which in the classroom allows him to really focus and concentrate on his learning and share all his lovely ideas and in the playground he has fun with his friends but then comes back to class calmly and quietly once again ready to learn. This sensible and mature attitude shows that he is most definitely Year 5 ready!

Amelia



There are so many positive and inspirational words that could be used to describe Amelia and the way she is with her peers. Some that spring to mind are kind, thoughtful and helpful. She is the most wonderful talk partner always showing working well with others and showing patience. Amelia has so many friends and I am sure that they all feel very lucky to have her as their friend.

YR5

Maxim



All rise for Maxim—the Pancake Prince and now, the undisputed King of Coordinates! This week, he's flipped his way through some seriously tricky maths problems with style, confidence, and a whole lot of resilience. Whether it's plotting points or tackling challenges head-on, Maxim's shown he's got the recipe for success. He's gone from syrupy confusion to smooth-solving brilliance—and we're all impressed. Keep stacking up those victories, Maxim—you're on a roll!



Riley

Riley has been impressing us so much with his attitude towards the Year 6 production. Not only has he taken to his role as 'Fred' with great enthusiasm, Riley also sang and danced his heart out in our first rehearsal, even teaching us some moves to the song 'Old London Town'! Riley brings so much energy and fun to every day – keep it up Fred!



Lilah

We're so lucky to have wonderful Lilah in Turing class! She's an extraordinarily kind and caring person, who always puts others first. She embodies every one of our school values, and she'll be a fantastic 'Oliver' in our Year 6 production! Lilah's next school can count themselves very lucky to have someone of her calibre joining them in September.

YR6



Henry

Incredible Henry comes into school every day with a big smile and a fantastic attitude towards his learning. He always shows kindness, respect and the school values in everything he does. His sense of humour keeps spirits high — whether it's a clever comment or just a perfectly timed grin, he knows how to brighten the room. He is an absolute joy to have in Yousafzai. Bravo Henry!



Olivia

Lovely Olivia has been absolutely shining in her writing lately! She's taken on the challenge of editing and polishing her work — something she used to dodge. But now, she's showing real dedication and pride in improving her writing, and it's paying off! During Chef John's visit, Olivia followed every instruction to the carefully, showing great focus. With her attention to detail and calm confidence in the kitchen, we're pretty sure we've got a future chef on our hands – bravo Olivia!

Stars of the Week

- Breakfast Club** - KS1 - Lily in Kahlo for always being friendly and kind.
KS2 – Archie in Seacole for always being polite and courteous. He is also a funny comedian.
- After School Club** – KS1 – Ilana in Rashford for always having a smile on her face.
KS2 – Jamie in Pankhurst for being a good role model at A.S.C



YR Thunberg	Emma	Amazing writing!
Y1 Kahlo	Sailor	Super science writing!
Y1 Obama	Moses	Superb history work on George III.
Y2 Attenborough	Robin	Excellent independent science learning.
Y3 Gandhi	Grayson	For being a writing wizard!
Y3 Pankhurst	Ruben and Stanley	A super piece of information writing about Tobago.
	Harrison Henry, Ruby-Jo, Talia and Ruben	Impressive 'time' work in maths. Excellent junk modelling linked to guided reading book
Y4 Mandela	Dougie and Dexter	Excellent writing on refugees
Y4 Franklin	Ole	Impressive science work on the brain.
Y6 Turing	Amelia, Darcy and Connie	A super project on fossils.
Y6 Yousafzai	Ella	A super project on fossils
	Hussain	Super speaking in the play Oliver Twist

Online Safety

Online safety - inappropriate adult content

As children are accessing social media more and more, we have noticed an increase in the number of children repeating or acting out memes they've seen online. Some of these memes are harmless, but a number have inappropriate adult themes and shouldn't be repeated in school.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had an assembly with two police officers from Sussex Police's Youth Team, and one of the topics discussed was the use of social media. The children were reminded that the ***minimum age is 13+*** for accessing apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, where many of these memes are viewed. The officers explained that, if primary school-aged children are using these apps, it is *their parents' responsibility* to monitor what they are watching.

For more information on inappropriate content and how you can help your child access social media safely, go to:

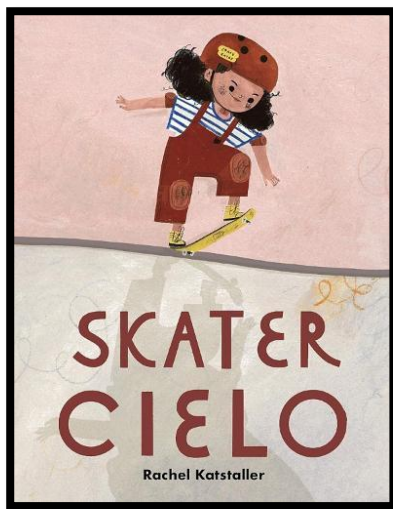
[What parents need to know about inappropriate content? | Internet Matters](#)



Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert: *"Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little."* Sullivan and Brown 2013.

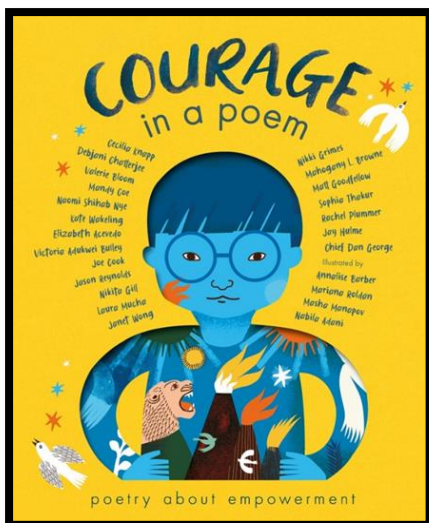
Kater Cielo by Rachel Katstaller



Cielo loves to skateboard and spends all her time practising! However, when she tries out a new ramp and falls off, she's left feeling really embarrassed and decides to give up. Thankfully, her new friends encourage her to try again and she's so happy she does!

Possibly the coolest book around, this is one to inspire young readers to develop resilience and determination! Loved it!

Courage in a Poem by various poets and illustrators



Inside this book is a treasure trove of writing celebrating courage and empowerment. Read the poems aloud or curl up with them in a quiet corner. Begin your journey into a lifelong love of poetry.

Inspire young minds with this beautiful poetry anthology that encourages children to take joy in their identities. From body positivity and facing fear, to celebrating heritage and individuality, a variety of contemporary poets will take readers on a journey through the different ways we can feel empowered. Vibrant and mesmerising artwork emphasises the beauty found in courage and being ourselves. This is the perfect book to instil a love of poetry, this title features work from a wide range of voices and illustrators who bring their unique perspectives to the topic of empowerment.

Withdean Athletics

On Wednesday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 faced the blistering conditions and travelled to a very famous location, Withdean Stadium, the former home of Brighton and Hove Albion FC, and the current home of Brighton's prestigious running group, Phoenix. The RKPS athletes competed in a variety of events: Vortex Howler, standing long jump, sprint, sprint relay and the fiercely competitive 600m race (more on that shortly.)

We all know that winning is a great feeling but that should never come before the children's enjoyment and attitude. With that in mind, we couldn't be prouder to say that the children's incredible spirit, behaviour and sporting attitude was exemplary from start to finish. All the adults who attended commented that, despite an incredibly hot and competitive day, not a single child let their emotions get the better of them and they displayed the ethos of our school. It was both impressive and joyful to behold.

There were so many highlights on the day, far too many to mention, but there were two that stood out. Firstly, Woody's care and consideration for teammates who were disappointed - always offering them support and encouragement with an arm round the shoulder and endless kind words. He really does embody what it means to be a true sportsperson. Secondly, Alex's performance in the 600m event. With nerves jangling, she stepped up to the start line as the crowd watched on in anticipation. 'On your marks, get set, GO', and Alex refused to be swept up in the early sprinting which took its toll on so many others towards the end of the race. Instead, she remained assured and composed, cruising from 4th into 3rd, before breezing into 2nd place with 300m left. As the excitement reached fever pitch, and her teammates willed her on from the stands, she raced into the lead with 200m remaining. With the finish line in sight, she sprinted to take gold and earn a well-deserved victory! Keely Hodgkinson, watch out!

We ended up winning an impressive, 1 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze.

A huge well done to all competitors: Eli, Jaxon, Max, Jacob, Ruben, Nate, Aoife, Amelia, Halle, Nina, Erica, Ivy, Darcie, Ava, Rodan, Jasper, Carter, Dexter, Sanvi, Rocco, Aariah, Alex, Sienna, Jess, Chelsea, Ruby, Millie, Rebeca, Lilah, Fletcher, Liam, Ari, Ronnie, Woody, Hussein, Henry and Barney.

A special thanks to: Miss Farrow, Mrs Woolven, Adam, Lisa and Dinuka for all their help!

Mr Wynne and Mr Mack

Mr Hanington adds: The plentiful number of sporting events our children enjoy takes a huge amount of organisation. Many thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Mack for all their hard work behind the scenes.



Get involved in running or Athletics

If your child would like to get involved with more running or athletics in B&H, please click on the most appropriate link for FREE junior park runs that are in B&H.

Preston Park [home](#) | [Preston Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#) | [Preston Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#)

Hove Park [home](#) | [Hove Park junior parkrun](#) | [Hove Park junior parkrun](#)

Queens Park [home](#) | [Queen's Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#) | [Queen's Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#)

Speaking of Parkrun, a HUGE congrats to Howdy Ranger's dad, David, who recently completed his 300th Parkrun and to Howdy Ranger (Amelia) herself for her help in volunteering at the Preston Park event!

There are also 2 junior clubs in the city:

[Brighton Phoenix](#)

[Club news — Brighton & Hove Athletic Club Brighton & Hove Athletic Club \(brightonandhoveac.com\)](#)

They do have waiting lists for their junior sections.

Freedom Leisure also run Junior drop in Athletics sessions at Withdean [Withdean Athletics Academy \(briefyourmarket.com\)](#)



Wescott Thursdays Summer 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year Y3.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 24th June – YR Thunberg AM, YR Rashford PM

Wednesday 25th June - Y4 Mandela AM & Y4 Franklin PM

Thursday 26th June – Y3 Pankhurst PM



PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES THAT INCLUDE TROUSERS. This protects children's legs from scratches, stings and prickles.

* If you would like to help at Forest School please contact the school office and/or look out for Pins that are sent out.

School Orchard

Our new Orchard needs your help!

Does anyone have access to any wood chip or a wood chipper machine? In this hot weather, we desperately need to mulch around our trees to help them retain water, add nutrients and cool their roots throughout our summer months. Pick up could be arranged.

Could you give up 30 minutes of your time in the summer holiday to help keep our 9 orchard trees watered? They need water once a week and we could do this on a rota system. Even doing this once would be a great help. Info, watering cans and a long hose supplied!

Please contact the school office if you can help.
Thank you, on behalf of our young thirsty fruit trees.



SchoolPing ENDING

From Tuesday 1st July 2025, we will no longer be using SchoolPing. Due to parental feedback, we are aiming to use just one system for simplicity and this will be Arbor. Please make sure that you have downloaded and have access to your Arbor App to keep up to date with school communications. All payments (except school Meals/Nursery) will continue to be made on Arbor.

If we require consent for trips and events this will come through Arbor and a Google Form will be used to capture your responses. If you need any support please contact the school Office.

Water Bottles & Sun Cream

Please make sure your child(ren) is supplied with an adequate water bottle in school. You can purchase school water bottles from the Arbor App. Sun cream should be applied before your child comes to school.



Uniform Shop going LIVE SOON

We are pleased to announce that from 23rd July 2025, families can now order our embroidered uniform online directly from our supplier. This is especially useful for ordering over the summer holidays when school is closed.

Due to uniform being embroidered there is around a 10 day delivery time.

To access our shop please use the following link: <https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling-primary-school> or visit the uniform page on our website. If a password is requested please contact the school.

The school will still have limited stock onsite, its worth checking sizing charts before ordering. We are happy for you to check sizes by coming to the school office before ordering.

And finally...

Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

5

- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Dates for the Diary

June 25	
Tuesday 24 th	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
Thursday 26 th	Y6 Graduation Headshots
July 25	
Tuesday 1 st	School Nurse Drop-in from 8:30am
Friday 4 th	Meet the Teacher 1
Saturday 5 th	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS (11am-3pm)
Monday 7 th	SPORTS DAY - Rec 9.30 am & Y1 & Y2 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	SPORTS DAY – Y3 & Y4 9.30 am & Y5 & Y6 1.30pm
Friday 11 th	Y6 Prom
Wednesday 16 th	Armstrong visit to Stanmer Park, 10:30am to 1:30pm Armstrong CLOSED!
Thursday 17 th	Y6 Productions 2pm and 5:30pm
Monday 14 th	Meet the Teacher 2
Friday 18 th	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF TERM (SUMMER 2 ENDS)



Community Notice Board

SPORT ENGLAND



FREESUMMER 2025 BASKETBALL

BRIGHTON BEACH AND WILD PARK BASKETBALL COURTS

6-17YEAR OLDS

- 3 WEEKLY SESSIONS
- REGISTRATION BEFORE ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES
- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
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Brighton & Hove City Council

Monday 28 – Thursday 31 July
 Monday 4 – Thursday 7 August
 Monday 11 – Thursday 14 August
 Monday 18 – Thursday 21 August
 Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 August

10.00 – 12.30 each day
Ages 9 – 15

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.



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MON - FRI | 8:30AM - 16:30PM

Week 1
 11th - 15th Aug

Week 2
 18th - 22nd Aug

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Contact Us: info@brightsparksports.co.uk 07934187118



Go Skate Day **Pop Up Skate Park**

Saturday 21 June 2025

St Peters Church Square

FREE community event for all ages & abilities aged 5+

featuring:

- Skateboarding Lessons
10am - 12noon
- Pop Skate Park Skate Sessions
12noon - 2pm
- Skate Jam
2pm - 3pm

TAKEPART
 Brighton & Hove

